

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of February 23, 2005, in which claims 1, 2, 4 and 16-23 are presently pending. Of those, claims 4 and 6-23 have been allowed. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,468,357 to Miller, et al. In addition, claim 2 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.


Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, thereby rendering the present application in condition for allowance. Because of the indicated allowability of claim 2, no new issues are introduced by the present amendment, and it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered.

Finally, the Applicants acknowledge the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and maintain that this duty has been satisfied by the prior submission of references in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the present application.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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